

The attached paper and computer readable copies of the Sequence Listing are the same. No new matter has been added. A separate Statement to this effect is attached.

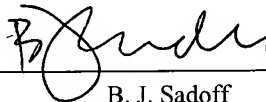
The attached is believed to be completely responsive to the Notice dated May 16, 2002, however the Office is requested to contact the undersigned if anything further is required in this regard.

An early and favorable Action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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